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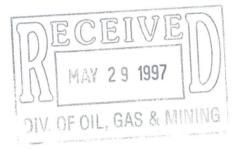
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Re: Lease Serial #M1047013 Letter of Credit

Dear Mr. Hedberg:

Enclosed please find a Mineral Lease Reclamation Bond (Bearing Bond issued by the Frontier Insurance Company in the amount of \$113,900.00. This bond is intended to replace the existing Letter of Credit issued by the Fleet Bank currently held by your office.

Please accept the enclosed bond and return the original Fleet Bank Letter of Credit to my attention.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

ZIEGLER CHEMICAL & MINERAL CORP.

William J. Hyland

Vice President - Finance

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